

County Library Board Meeting August 10, 2006

The meeting came to order at 9:03 am with Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Donna Ohs, Pat Bradley and Gary Forney; and Director, Joanne Erdall. Chair, Evalyn Johnson was absent.

The minutes of the July 13th, 2006 meeting were read. A correction was made to the spelling of Neil LaFever's name. Bradley made the motion to accept the minutes with the spelling correction. Forney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: County Treasurer, Shelly Burke has deposited the Pace CD into the STIP (Short Term Investment Pool) Fund to earn better interest. This was done with a vote over email between our two meetings as discussed at our last meeting. It was also suggested that we consider depositing our contingency fund into STIP. Ohs made a motion that we deposit all but \$500.00 of the current balance of the contingency fund into STIP. A seconded was made by Bradley with all in favor.

The dessert party to be held for book sale volunteers was canceled due to busy schedules and people out of state.

Building Assessment: Bob Bailey, architect has graciously offered to stop by the library and give us suggestions in our struggle to find more space. We still plan to contact contractors after this phase and then to aggressively seek funding in our goal for future development of this facility.

Financial Report: We then went over the detailed budget report. Erdall reported that we had borrowed \$12,500.00 from the Commissioner's back in ---- to republish Dick Pace's "Golden Gulch" book. The money came from the expendable trust fund. To date we have only sold approximately \$6,000.00 worth of books at \$6.75 a book when a case is sold and \$9.95 for individual sale. Forney offered to take some books with him on his author tours. Erdall had talked the Blue Heron in Ennis into purchasing some books. Discussion was held on advertising the books at the local Bed and Breakfasts next season. We would contact the VC Chamber and see if we could get the books on that site. Erdall would report the total number of boxes of books left at the next meeting.

New Business: The Bill and Melinda Gates computer grants to libraries paperwork came. Erdall is busy completing it to receive our new computer within a few weeks. A stipulation of the grant states that the previous Gates Grant computer will not be allowed to be connected to the Internet after it's arrival due to the fact that it's

operating system is no longer supported for virus protection. Therefore Erdall is trying to find space to retain the computer for the children as it has great educational software on it and is still in great operating condition.

Erdall gave suggestions to the board on possible nominations for the Trustee's Award which should be decided at the next meeting.

Julie Dewey, Madison County Grant Writer has been assisting Erdall in finding any possible grants for our library. We are concentrating on historical preservation grants for the archives and the building.

The next meeting is set for September 9th at 9:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05.